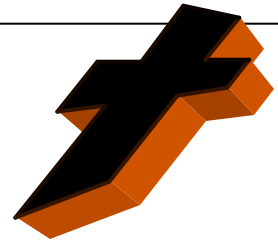


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"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

A Testimony by Fran Drenth

Indeed, the Lord is so very faithful despite our unfaithfulness. In November 2000, the Lord put it upon my heart to get involved with Gateway. Because of various situations that didn't happen...yet the Lord remains faithful! In September 2001 I was told of the need Gateway had for a nurse for the ultrasound ministry. This time I acted immediately in response to the Lord's prompting. In October I took the week-long sonogram training course, which left me in tears, feeling totally overwhelmed, incompetent, and the possibility that I would be able to visualize a 6-8 week old unborn child seemed like it would truly be "mission impossible". Yet the Lord does faithfully provide for our needs, particularly when we are serving Him. Immediately after the training week, Dean and Joan both assured me that I would have as much follow-up training with a sonographer as I needed. And graciously the Lord provided a sonographer to train with each Saturday morning from December through April. And now, I have "graduated", functioning independently and feeling so very comfortable. This truly has been the Lord's faithfulness in providing the means to do His work. And Gateway is His work. It's a ministry, which is striving to be 100% committed to the Lord...uncompromising, teaching abstinence to the unmarried. Sharing Christ with each client is the top priority.



Recently we had an abortion minded client who was unable to provide any information to estimate her delivery date. While doing the ultrasound it was obvious that her pregnancy was into at least the second trimester. As our client viewed the images of her fully formed unborn child she was clearly disturbed.

I wanted so much to determine the age of this baby. The femur length is one such measurement. The Lord enabled me to visualize the baby so clearly. Not only did the femur appear on the screen but also the thigh, knee, lower leg and the foot were all clearly visible. I was able to obtain the femur length and effortlessly and confidently inform our client that the gestational age of her baby was 4 ½ months. Our client left still undecided.

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AN ABORTIONIST ASKS "HOW DO I GET SAVED?"

Harming an abortionist ends the opportunity to tell him/her about the love of Jesus Christ and the need for personal salvation by repentance and faith See a prime example of this below...

Slepian Softens Before His Death **Abortion doc began seeking out pro- life protesters**

By Jack Cashill / WorldNetDaily.com

Bob Behn, executive director of Last Call Ministries, and Dr. Barnett **Slepian** met one-on-one for nearly two hours. Behn acknowledges that when asked, **Slepian** argued that he was "OK spiritually." But when Behn asked him why he persisted in his abortion practice, **Slepian** grew highly agitated and answered, "These women make me do them," wording that Behn could not forget. So disturbed was **Slepian** that Behn chose not to ask who those women were. **Slepian's** behavior toward the protesters changed after that breakfast. As Behn related, "Instead of cursing or throwing the finger, he would stop and talk to us." **Slepian** even asked one woman, "How do you become saved?" It seems that Barnett **Slepian** never again had the chance – he was shot dead!

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...



Rev. Dean Gavaris

OBEDIENCE OR SUCCESS?

Recently I heard a missionary who stated that he no longer wished to be success oriented but wanted to be obedience oriented. So, is he giving up? Not at all. God always calls us to be oriented to obedience rather than success. (*Matthew 6:32-34; 16:26*)

Pride and the false excuse that we live in a results oriented culture allows many believers, churches and missions groups to sacrifice obedience to the known will of God for the DON QUIXOTE attempt at greater numbers, better testimonies and other worldly successes.

Has Gateway been successful? Perhaps to some — perhaps not to others. It seems that if we strive for obedience, our Lord will consider us successful, even if the world does not. Pray for us that we not give in to the temptation of the world's definition of success, and thereby drift off course.

“We can only change society by faithfully proclaiming the Gospel which changes lives from the inside out.” *John MacArthur*



E-MAIL MINISTRY

Questions People Ask:

Jacqueline, age 16, from Hackensack, NJ writes:

“well, im only 16 as u know and I haven’t quite told my mom yet. im not 100% sure if I am pregnant. But inside I can feel it...”

Susan, age 15, from East Orange, NJ writes:

“...I was considering keeping the child for a brief moment, but than my boyfriend made it clear that he was not ready to be a father. ... I know my parents will be extremely disappointed in me if they find out about this.”

Usha, age 25, from New Jersey writes:

“I am a full-time student trying to get my phd. My husband works in Texas. I will be moving there next year. I just cannot handle a pregnancy right now. My husband is totally supportive...”

Answer to Kandie, age 16, from Nashville, TN:

Dean wrote:

“Hi, Kandie,

I believe you wrote us a while ago. I remember the handle ‘Nobody’. You are somebody, you know, especially if you know Christ as Savior.”

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but she had many clear pictures of her baby in her mind.

My wonderful husband, David, is now serving at Gateway as a male counselor. He also loves the Gateway ministry and as he describes it, “we are in the front lines”. And again God is so very faithful, as we are on the battlefield He gives us spiritual armor to put on.

It is a special joy serving the Lord together as a couple at Gateway. We look forward to continuing our service for the Lord as we plan to prepare for full time missions in September 2003 at Word of Life Bible Institute. Our prayer is that as we follow God’s calling others will step forward to serve the Lord at Gateway, especially in the sonogram ministry. It is truly a precious privilege to view “God’s work in progress”!

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...” **2 Chronicles 16:9**



**Gavaris Home Fund Goal
\$30,000**

We PRAISE THE LORD!
As of June 10, 2002: \$37,975.00!

We would like to announce that the Gavaris Home Fund has far surpassed our goals and our expectations. The fund now totals \$37,975. Our original goal was \$30,000.

This fund has been set up to provide a down payment on a house for Gateway's Executive Director, Rev. Dean Gavaris.

We would like to update you on the situation. Since the 9/11 attacks, mortgage interest rates are at a record low. Both events have sparked the real estate market. It is currently a sellers market. Prices on homes have skyrocketed.

Even with such a substantial down payment, it hasn't been possible for the Gavaris' to find an affordable house. The fund total is being transferred into a savings account, awaiting the Lord's direction. The thought is to wait until house prices come down.

Please pray with us as we seek God's will in this matter.

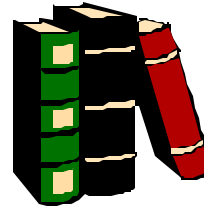
Thank you!

not just stats

January 2002 through May 2002,
Gateway has seen:
326 women, 16 coming to Christ
41 babies born



Praise the Lord
Please keep praying for the ministry



**REAL-LIFE
STORIES**

Elizabeth, NJ (June 2002)

A boyfriend, speaking only Spanish, accompanied his girlfriend to 700 N. Broad St. They were abortion-minded and headed upstairs when Jim reached out to them. After counseling, they changed their minds.

Jim shared Christ with the boyfriend (through an interpreter).

The boyfriend made a commitment to Christ!

Praise the Lord!

Irvington, N.J. (June 2002)

An abortion minded woman called our office early in the morning. After hearing about the risks of abortion she states,

" Maybe God had me call you."

Praise the Lord!

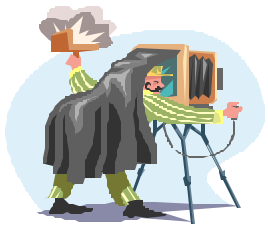


Praise the Lord for new counselors!
Rebekah, Irene, Sheryline, and Deanna

Next Volunteer Training Dates!

July **25** and **27** and August **1** and **3, 2002**

Are you interested? Call Dean at
973-399-8378



PICTURE GALLERY

Walk-a-Thon 2002

More than 150 helped raise
\$20,600 for the ministry!



Opening prayer — Let the walk begin.



Cliff, Flo, Carol and Bud



Ultimate challenge — walking backwards



EBC youth group with
Congressman Mike Ferguson



Families walking together



Betty, grandchildren and friend



Mike and baby Asher



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The picnic — the perfect ending